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SUBJECT: REGIONAL MINERALS OFFICERS VISIT TO SWAZILAND

FOR LANE FROM SWEETWOOD

1. REGIONAL METALS AND MINERALS OFFICERS SWEETWOOD TENTATIVELY PLANS VISIT TO SWAZILAND ABOUT NOV 10-14, IF EMBASSY MBABANE HAS NO OBJECTION AND IF THIS APPROXIMATE TIMING APPEARS TO BE SUITABLE. SWEETWOOD LOOKS TOWARD EMBASSY DISCUSSIONS ON MINERALS REPORTING AND RELATED TOPICS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. HE ALSO HOPES TO MEET WITH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DIRECTOR DE VLETTER AND OTHER GOVT OFFICERS AND INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES, AS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE, FOR BRIEFINGS ON RECENT MINERAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA. IRON ORE, ASBESTOS, COAL, KAOLIN CLAY AND BARITE ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AND HOPEFULLY FIELD TRIPS WILL BE POSSIBLE TO ONE OR MORE CURRENTLY-PRODUCING MINES.

2. SWEETWOOD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT IN JOHANNESBURG, WITH SWAZILAND BARYTES LTD, OWNER D G KLIPIN. KLIPIN IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING EXPORT MARKET SURVEY FOR HIS BARITE AND HAS EXTENDED INVITATION FOR A VISIT TO HIS MINE AND PILOT PLANT. YOUR COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. PLANS FOR A VISIT TO THE KLIPIN PROPERTY CAN BE MADE HERE, BUT WE WILL WITHHOLD ON THIS UNTIL YOUR REPLY RECEIVED.

3. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE PROPOSED DATES APPEAR

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